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DAN RATHER: An official British inquiry today cleared Prime Minister Thatcher's government of any criticism or blame for the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands. The six-month investigation concluded there was no way the government could have foreseen or alerted the actions which triggered the war.

For Britain and Argentina, the major battles may be over but Bill Lynch has learned at the Pentagon the Buenos Aires government has not conceded defeat.

BILL LYNCH: CBS News has learned that US intelligence expects British forces in the Falkland Islands to face a campaign of military harassment by Argentina. Sources say there is evidence of unusual training and preparation for commando style operations. Targets would probably include British radar and communications sites and air defense batteries.

US intelligence also warns of Argentine plans to catch British helicopters and fighters outside the 200-mile exclusion zone and shoot them down.

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Royal Air Force Phantom jets have reportedly been flying close to Argentine air space and the Argentine Air Force has deployed newly delivered Mirage fighters to its southernmost airbase to challenge them. There have been no hostilities since the Argentine surrender last June 14th.

Last week, Prime Minister Thatcher visited the Falklands with assurances of continued British protection. Her visit and the lack of any British interest in early talks on the sovereignty dispute may have prompted Argentina's interest in renewed military action.

However, US and British analysts agree, Argentina is a long way from posing any serious threat of retaking the islands she held for two months last spring.

Bill Lynch, CBS News, the Pentagon.